

Montana Shared Catalog Partners

October 24, 2017

Online via GoToMeeting

Meeting minutes

Elizabeth Jonkel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Roll call

Present:

- Bitterroot Public Library – Mark Wetherington
- Darby Community Library – Wendy Campbell
- Fallon County Library – Stacey Moore
- Imaginelf Libraries – Sean Anderson
- Laurel Public Library – Nancy Schmidt
- Livingston Park County Library – Mitch Grady
- Miles City Public Library – Sonja Woods
- Missoula Public Library – Elizabeth Jonkel
- North Valley Public Library District – Denise Ard
- Plains Public Library District – Carrie Terrell
- Rosebud County Library – Heather Johnstone
- Whitefish Community Library – Joey Kositzky
- Hearst Free Library – Sam Walters
- Montana State Library – Jemma Hazen, Amy Marchwick, Cara Orban

Meeting minutes

No comments on minutes from August 2017 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes as presented: Wendy Campbell

Second: Joey Kositzky

Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome

Welcome to Alyssa Ramirez, who will be attending Partners meetings on behalf of Lincoln County Libraries going forward.

Appointment of Chair/Vice-Chair

This is a one-year appointment. Elizabeth called for nominations for a new Chair. Wendy Campbell nominated Della Haverland.

Stacey Moore moved to nominate

Nancy Schmidt seconded

Motion carried unanimously. Congratulations, Della!

Nomination for Vice-Chair

Della Haverland nominated Stacey Moore as Vice-Chair.

Heather Johnstone seconded

Motion carried unanimously. Congratulations, Stacey!

Bylaws review

Missoula Public Library recommends that a bylaws review for Partners is in order.

Della Haverland agreed that this would be a good idea and would put it on the next Partners meeting agenda. Sean Anderson and Mitch Grady offered to assist with bylaws review.

New director in Lincoln County Libraries

Elizabeth Jonkel asked who would like to reach out to Alyssa Ramirez, the new Lincoln County Libraries director, to inform her about Partners and answer any questions she might have.

Sean Anderson said that he might be willing since they are geographically close to Libby, but that he was not entirely confident in his knowledge about Partners and would seek guidance on how to assist her. Elizabeth Jonkel affirmed that she could provide support in this outreach.

One Partners Card Policy

Sean Anderson noticed this in the best practices document and asked for clarification as to whether this is officially current practice in Partners libraries.

Elizabeth Jonkel answered that yes, this has been an educational conversation that front desk staff have had with their patrons and that it has been working for them so far. She will share Missoula's working documents with Sean.

Mark Wetherington reported that patrons appreciate knowing that they only need to carry one card to enjoy Partners privileges.

Joey Kositzky also reported that patrons appreciate needing only one card.

Sean Anderson asked whether there have been any negative comments from patrons.

Mitch Grady replied with the shrugging emoticon that his patrons mostly want access to Bozeman's collection.

Wendy Campbell agreed that patron response has been generally favorable.

MSC staff updates

MSC staff has received tickets from Partners libraries requesting information on Partners activity that seem invasive. MSC staff does not want to be put in the position of being asked to intervene in these issues and would prefer that Partners have a larger, open discussion about the issue of equitable access and fairness in sharing materials.

Elizabeth Jonkel suggested that a big picture report on the value of Partners may help reduce these complaints and inquiries. Jemma Hazen has created this kind of report in BlueCloud Analytics for Imaginelf and hopes to be able to create additional reports once MSC is fully staffed and there are fewer urgent demands on staff time.

Della Haverland as the new Chair will follow up on this project with MSC staff.

Cara Orban reported that MSL an offer has been accepted to fill the MSC Trainer position. She will share this information in greater detail on the MSC-discuss listserv once she receives a formal acceptance letter.

MSL staff will conduct interviewing for the MSC Systems Technician position (what used to be the MSC Director position and has since been reclassified) next week and is hopeful that this position will soon be filled, as well.

The next online Partners meeting is set for Tuesday, December 19 at 9:00 am.

9:29 am meeting adjourned.